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LB 409

consent calendar. The rules are those that have traditionally been there in the past. If debate extends beyond 15 minutes and the introducer is not closing, the bill will be removed from the consent calendar. If there is any amendment that's adopted, other than the Standing Committee amendment, which adds new material, that will also be removed from consent calendar if that amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next move to LB 409.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 409, introduced by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) Introduced on January 13 of last year, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 409 is strictly a technical bill that was brought to me by the League of Municipalities, and it would make some slight changes, some technical changes, in the way we do business. I passed out a handout that basically explains what this bill would do. The first part would clarify that village boards can suspend the three readings of an ordinance or require a full reading of an ordinance. This merely clarifies the fact that in places it talks about the council or board of trustees, another place it says only the council. As a result of this little technical change, it would add "or board" after "council" and it would clarify for those who could be confused about how the statute reads. The second part provides that villages and cities of the second class with a water commissioner to make an appointment at the December meeting rather than at the May 1 meeting. This merely cleans up the legislation because at the present time the appointments are made on the...in December when the governing board has an organizational meeting after the November elections, but the water commissioners have been appointed in May, and this amends the statute for some consistency in dealing with this statute. The third part clarifies that village boards and cities of the first and second class who elect trustees and council members at large do not have to divide the municipalities into wards. There is some confusion as to whether, in fact, in the statute they should be appointed...elected by wards or by at large. This merely clears